GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very limited gas transportation infrastructure is available in the country;

(b) if so, whether the gas sector need investment encouragement measures; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to encourage such investments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Gas Transportation Infrastructure is available in the country to take care of the distribution of available gas. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), a public sectorcompany, has been entrusted with the distribution and marketing of natural gas. GAIL owns more than 4400 kms. of cross country pipeline for transmission and distribution of approximately 62 MMSCMD of natural gas in the country.

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. GAIL has committed an investment of Rs.3410.97 crore for laying approximately 1078 kms. of natural gas pipeline during the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-2007). Further, GAIL is also considering proposal for about 2100 kms. pipeline at an approx. cost of Rs. 3876 crores.